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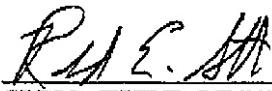
- Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

#### STATUS

- Applicant is an independent inventor. A statement was already filed.

#### EXTENSION OF TERM

- The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that an extension of term is required. Petition And Fee For Extension of Time is attached hereto.



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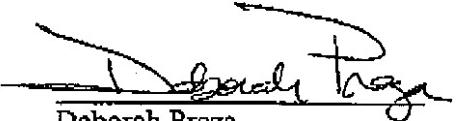
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action and Examiner's Final Action mailed July 21, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response that expired October 21, 2003, and an extended period for response set to expire January 21, 2004, the above-identified patent application is amended as follows:

AMENDMENT AAmendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1..(currently amended) A method of preconcentrating trace analytes, comprising the steps of:

~~providing processing a hollow capillary by hydrothermal treatment; having at least one sol-gel extraction medium within said hollow capillary, said sol-gel extraction medium~~